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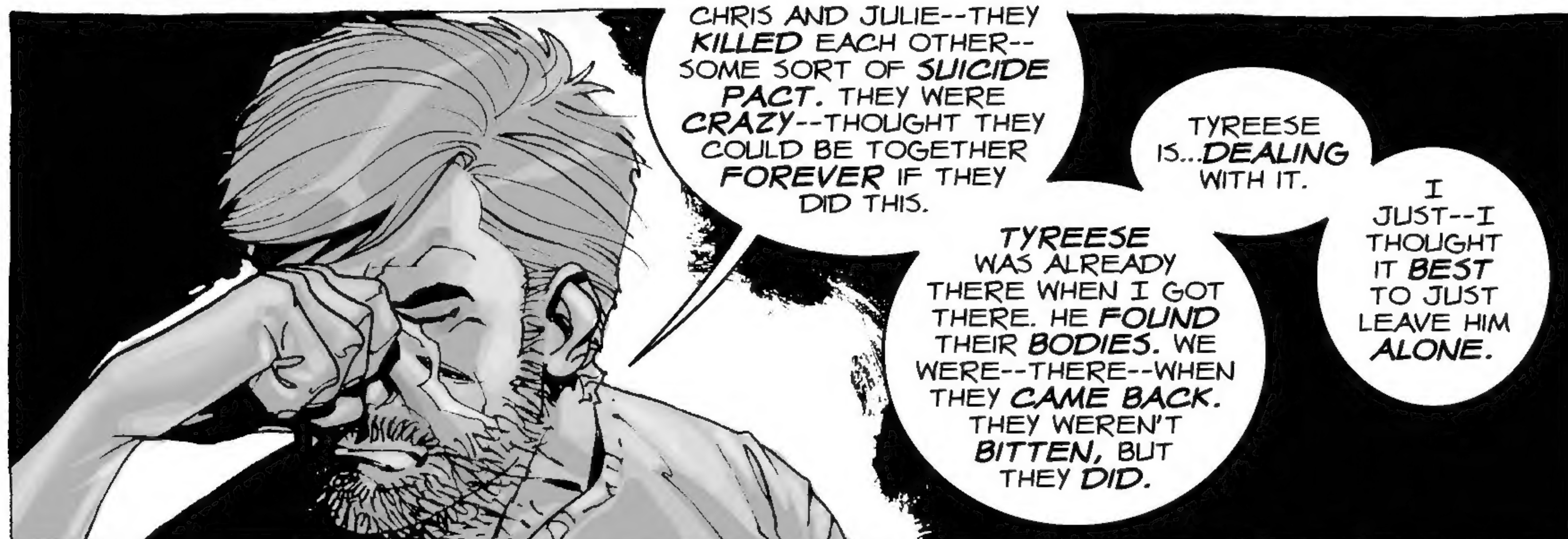
YEAH. LEAVE ME. HE'LL BE COMING BACK SOON, AND I'M GOING TO KILL HIM AGAIN.





RICK! WHAT
HAPPENED?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

IT'S--OH,
LORI--IT'S
HORRIBLE.



CHRIS AND JULIE--THEY
KILLED EACH OTHER--
SOME SORT OF **SUICIDE**
PACT. THEY WERE
CRAZY--THOUGHT THEY
COULD BE TOGETHER
FOREVER IF THEY
DID THIS.

TYREESE
IS...**DEALING**
WITH IT.

I
JUST--I
THOUGHT
IT **BEST**
TO JUST
LEAVE HIM
ALONE.

TYREESE
WAS ALREADY
THERE WHEN I GOT
THERE. HE **FOUND**
THEIR **BODIES**. WE
WERE--THERE--WHEN
THEY **CAME BACK**.
THEY WEREN'T
BITTEN, BUT
THEY **DID**.



OH,
GOD...

THEY'RE
DEAD?



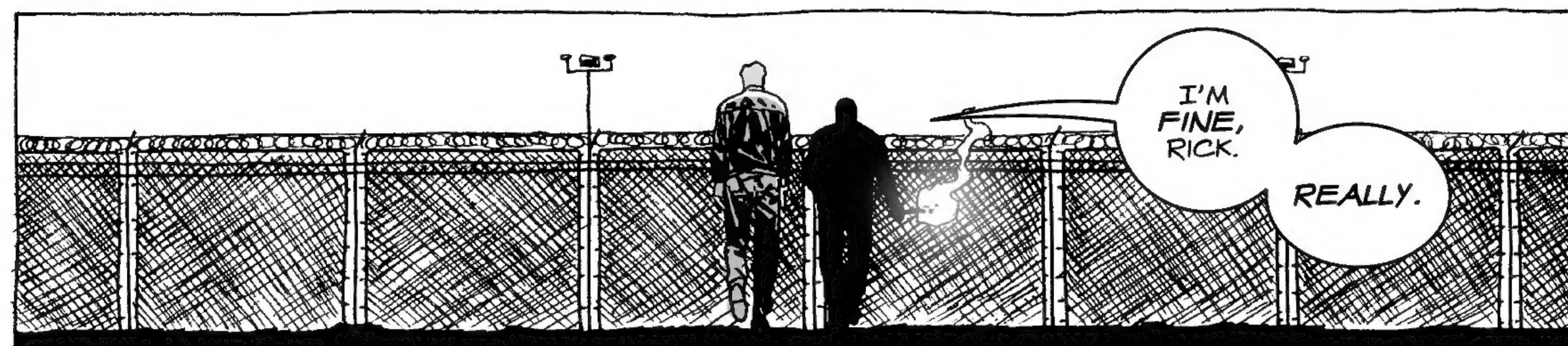
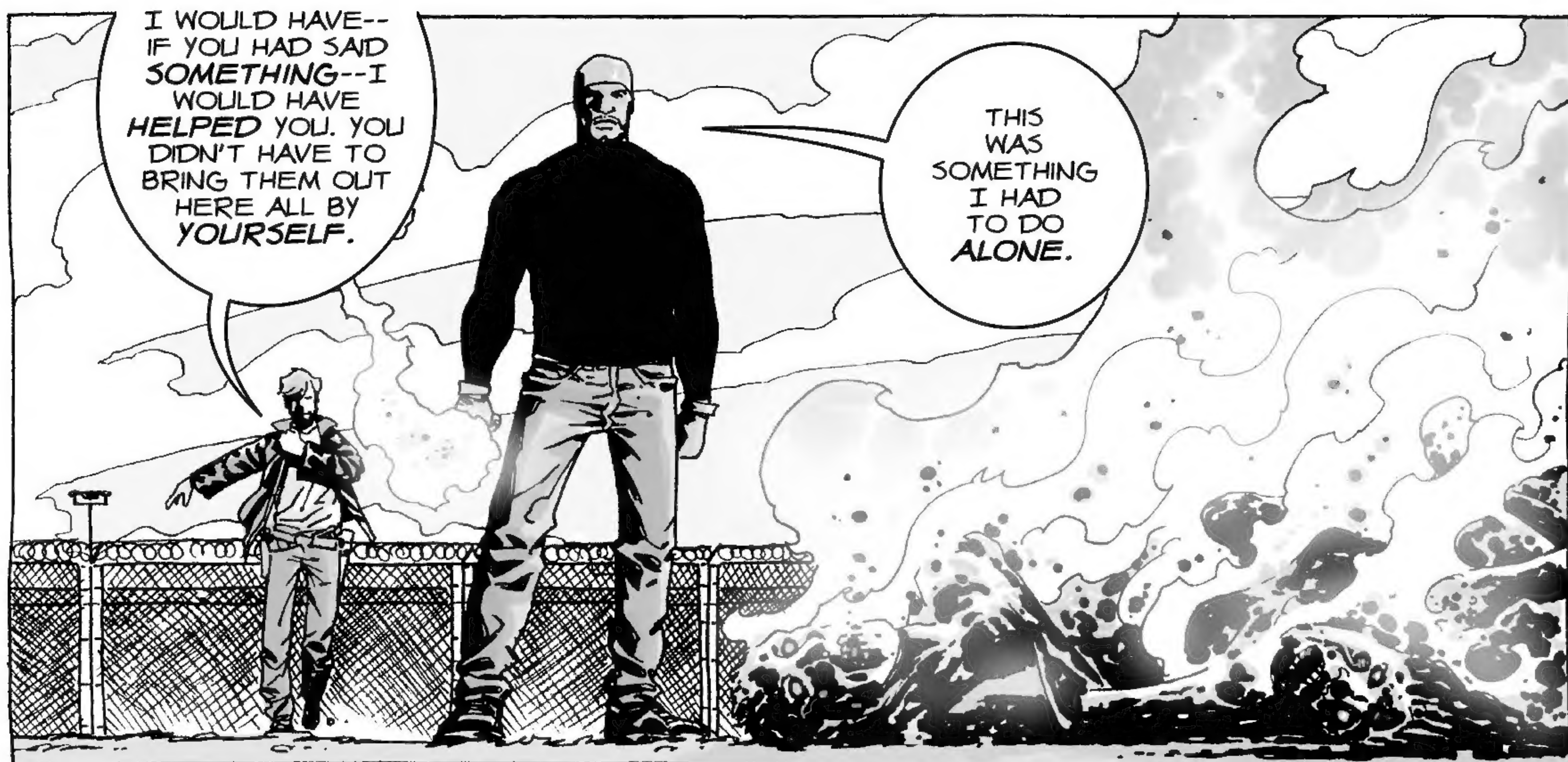
YEAH.

THEY'RE
BOTH
DEAD.

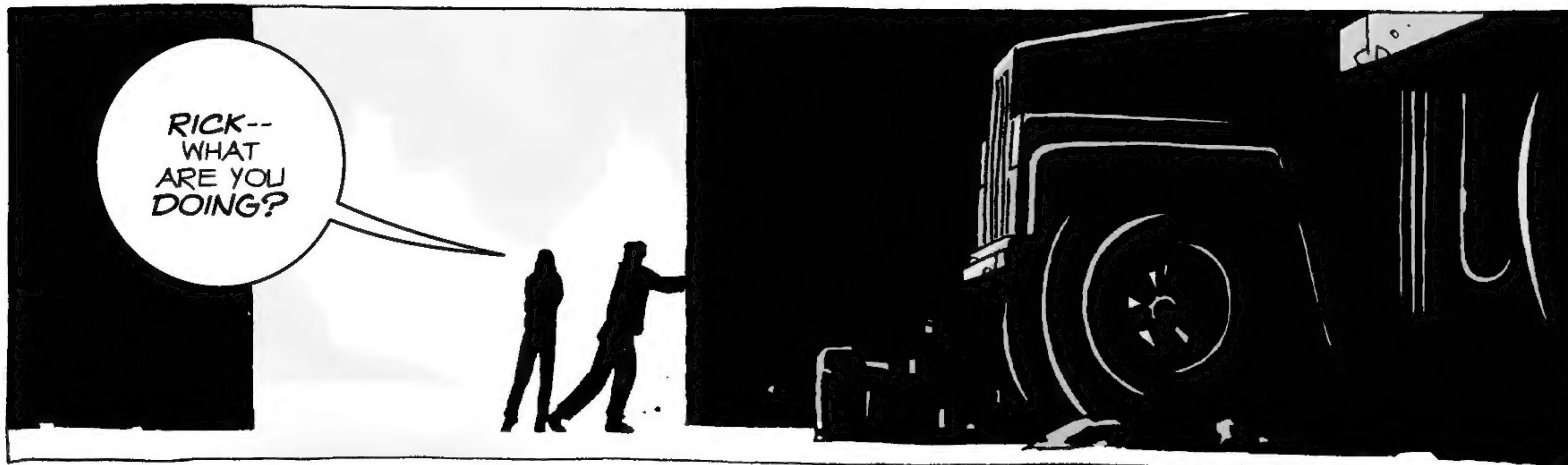
I
NEED TO
SLEEP.

WE
ALL
DO.









RICK--
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

I WON'T BE
GONE MORE THAN
A DAY. IT MAY BE
LATE TOMORROW--
BUT I'LL BE BACK
BEFORE IT GETS
DARK.

I HAVEN'T
SLEPT. I LAD
AWAKE LAST
NIGHT, THINKING
ABOUT JULIE
AND
CHRIS.

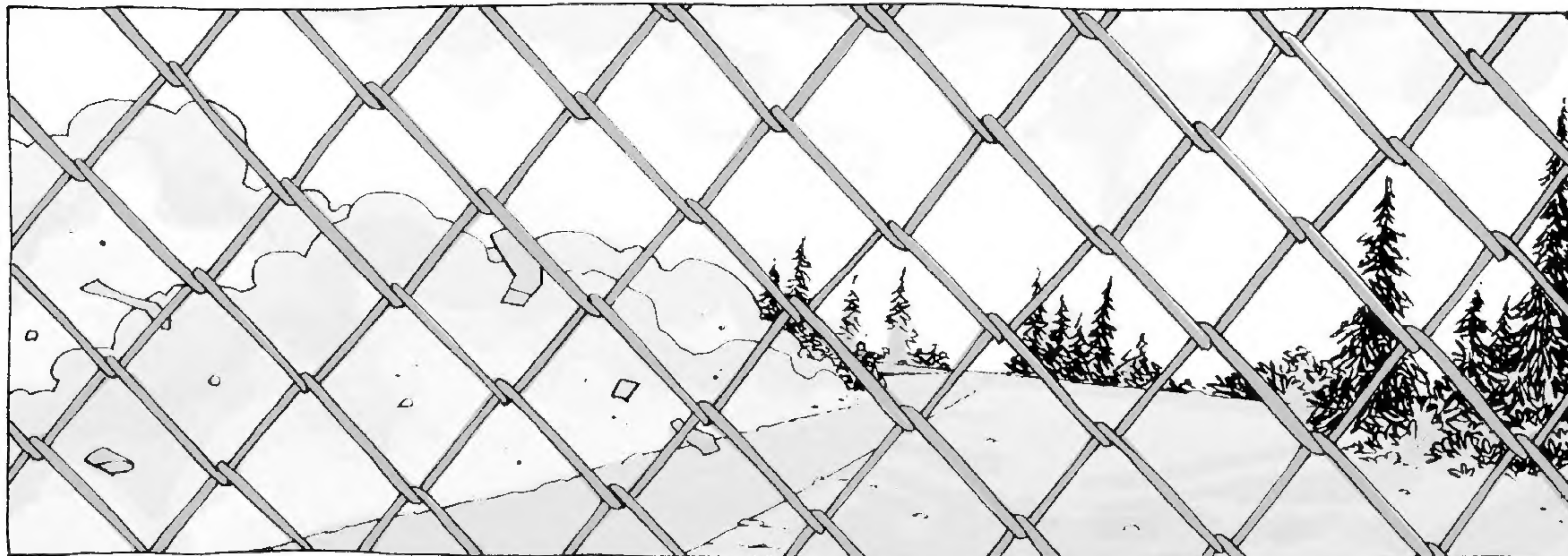
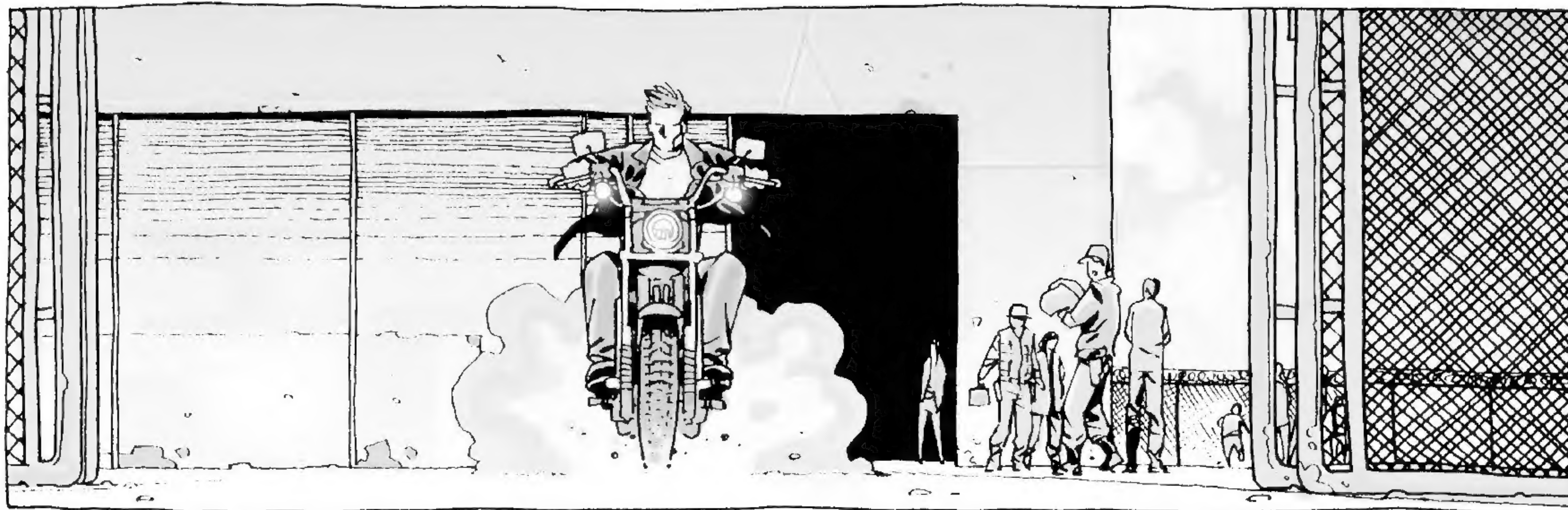
IF THEY REVIVED
WITHOUT A BITE--
THAT MEANS WE'RE
ALL INFECTED...OR
COULD BE. THAT MEANS
WE'RE JUST WAITING
TO DIE BEFORE WE
COME BACK AS
ONE OF THOSE
THINGS.

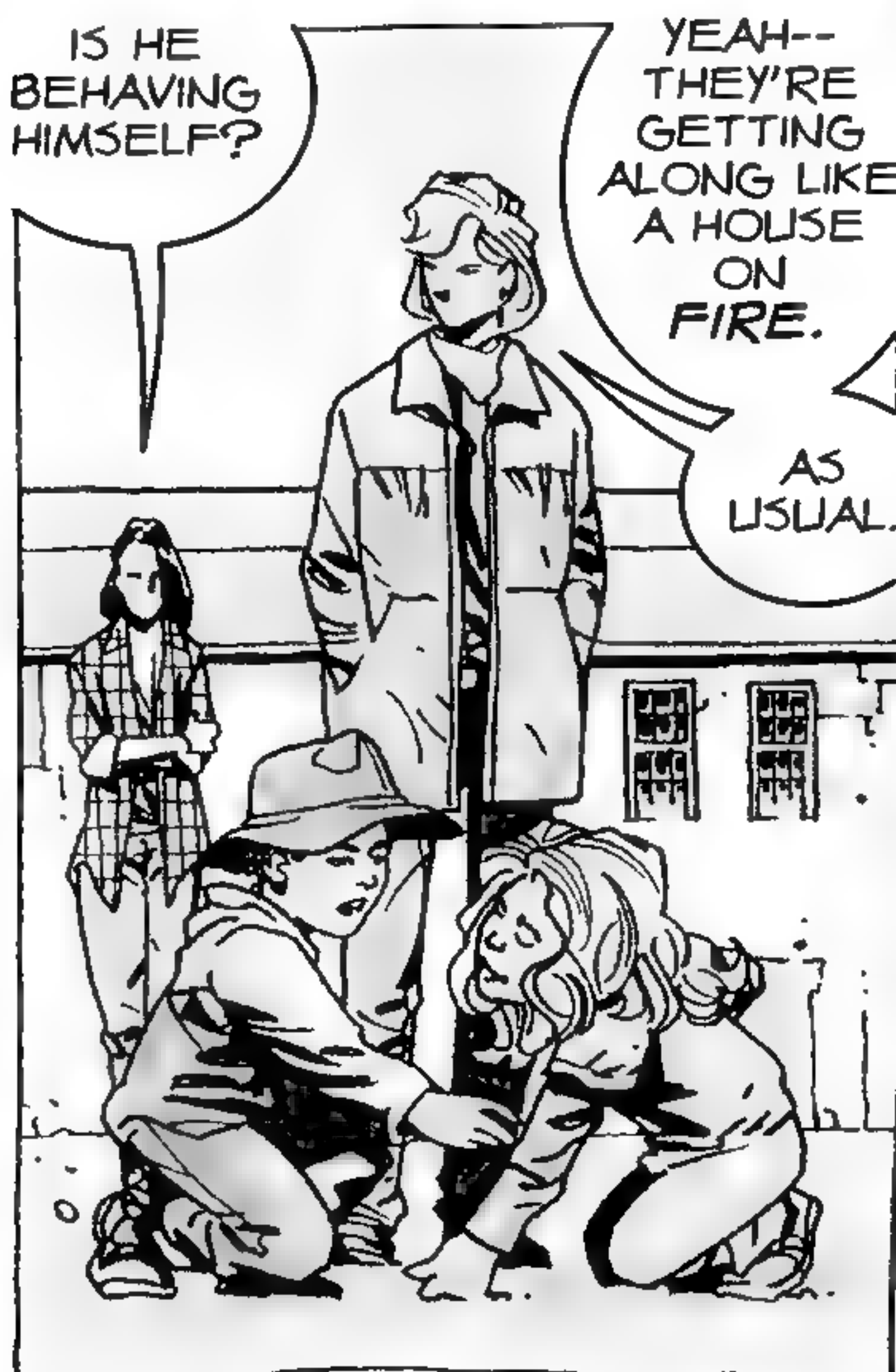
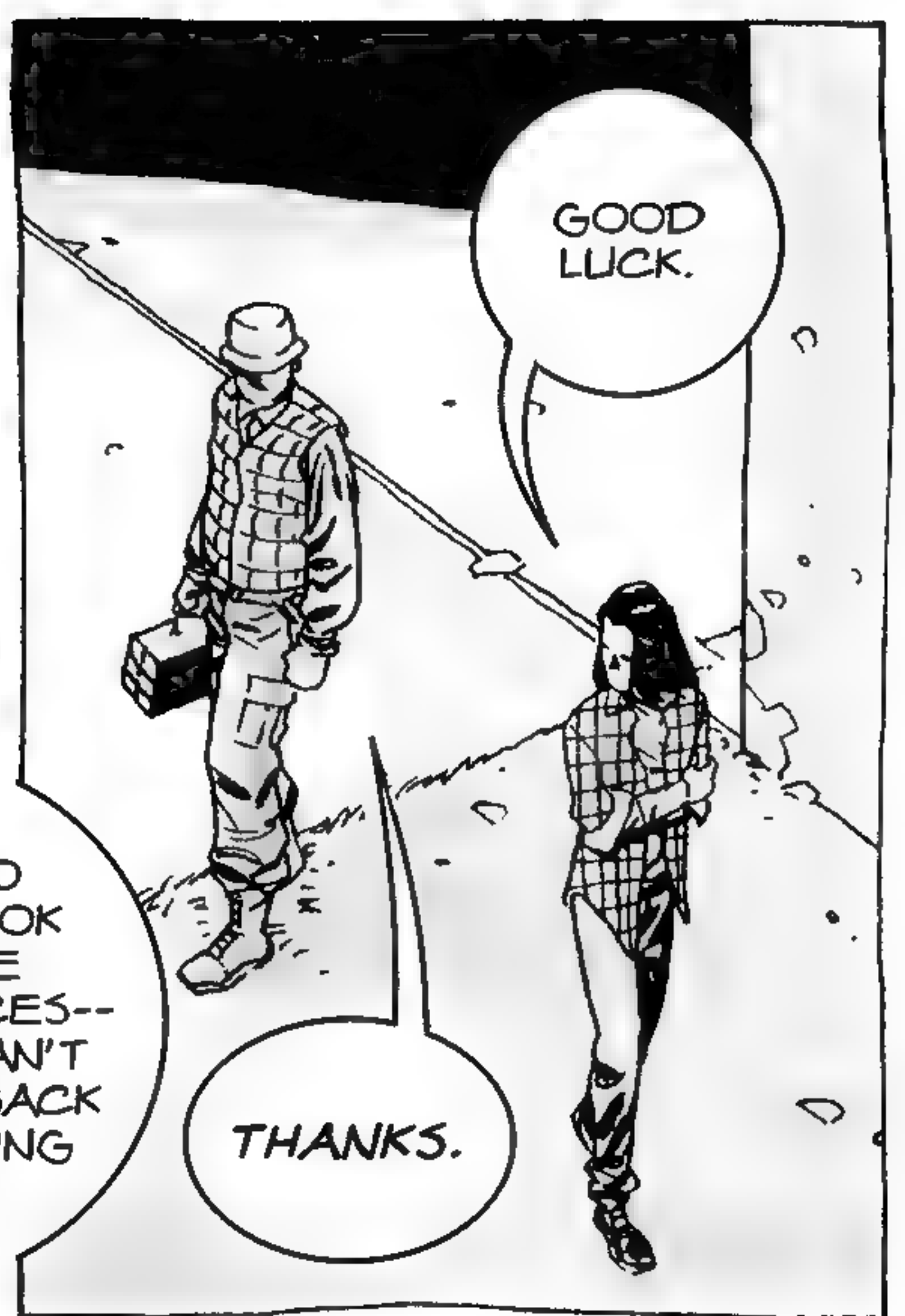
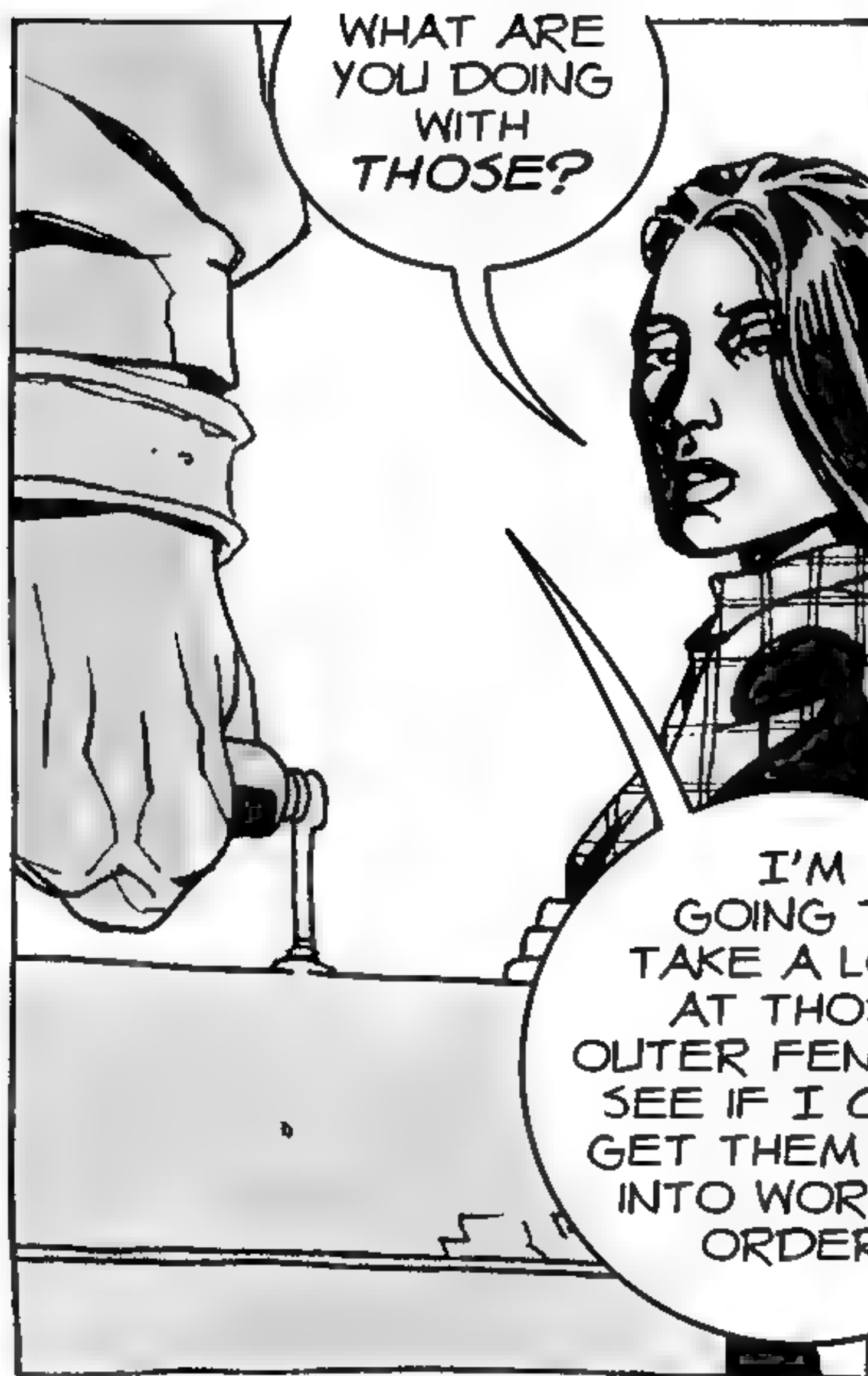
I THINK IT'S
BEST YOU NOT
KNOW. I
PROMISE YOU
WOULDN'T
WANT
TO.

BUT
WHY?
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

THE
MORE I
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT--
I REALIZED...
THERE'S
SOMETHING I
HAVE TO DO.

TELL
CARL NOT
TO WORRY.
I'LL BE BACK
TOMORROW.







I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT STUCK WITH A ROOM RIGHT NEXT TO MY DAD.

I'M SURE THAT WAS HIS DOING. I DON'T BLAME THE MAN, REALLY. HE STILL BARELY EVEN KNOWS ME.

YEAH, BUT THESE ROOMS HAVE OPEN WALLS. HE CAN HEAR EVERY WORD WE SAY IN THERE--AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT WOULD GO ON IN THAT ROOM.

EH-- I'M NOT SO SURE HE CAN HEAR EVERYTHING.

STILL, I KNOW THIS PLACE IS SAFER-- AND IT'S SMARTER TO LIVE HERE...BUT I REALLY MISS MY ROOM, OUR HOUSE...THE FARM IN GENERAL.



I'M MORE THAN A LITTLE SHOCKED THAT HE'S LETTING US SHARE A ROOM. THAT'S PRETTY COOL OF HIM TO DO.

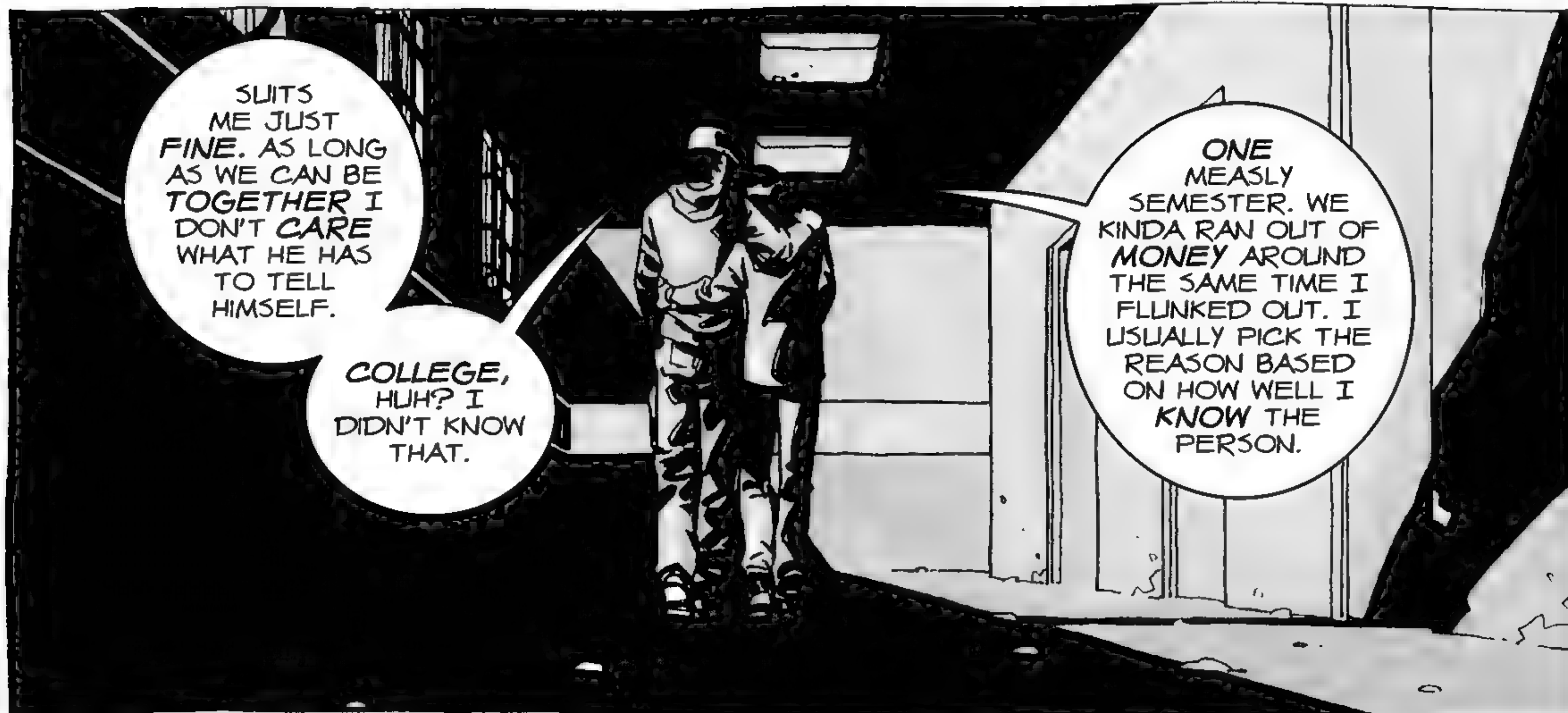


NO IT'S NOT. I'M AN ADULT... HE NEEDS TO REALIZE THAT. I ROOMED WITH A GUY IN COLLEGE. I'M SURE IN HIS MIND WE'RE JUST ROOMMATES.



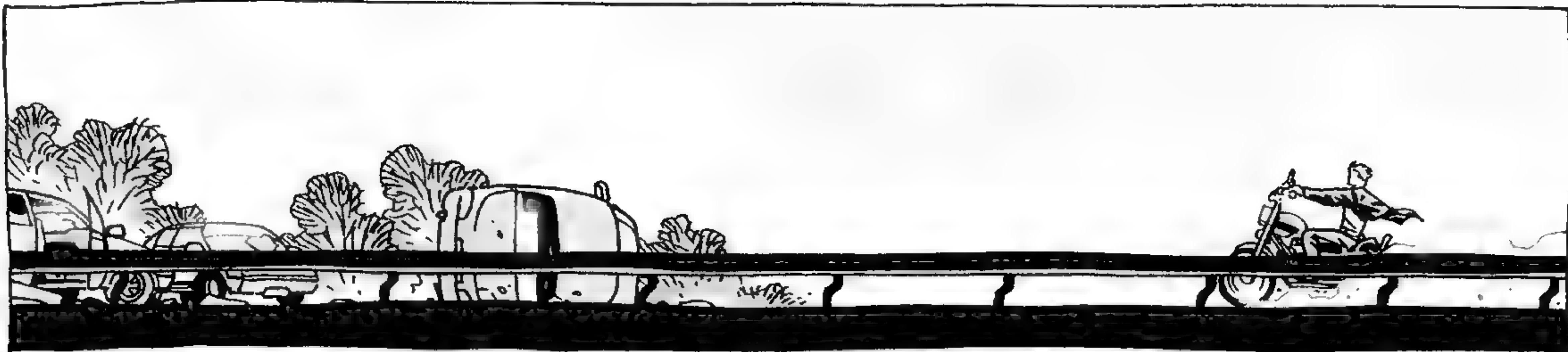
SUITS ME JUST FINE. AS LONG AS WE CAN BE TOGETHER I DON'T CARE WHAT HE HAS TO TELL HIMSELF.

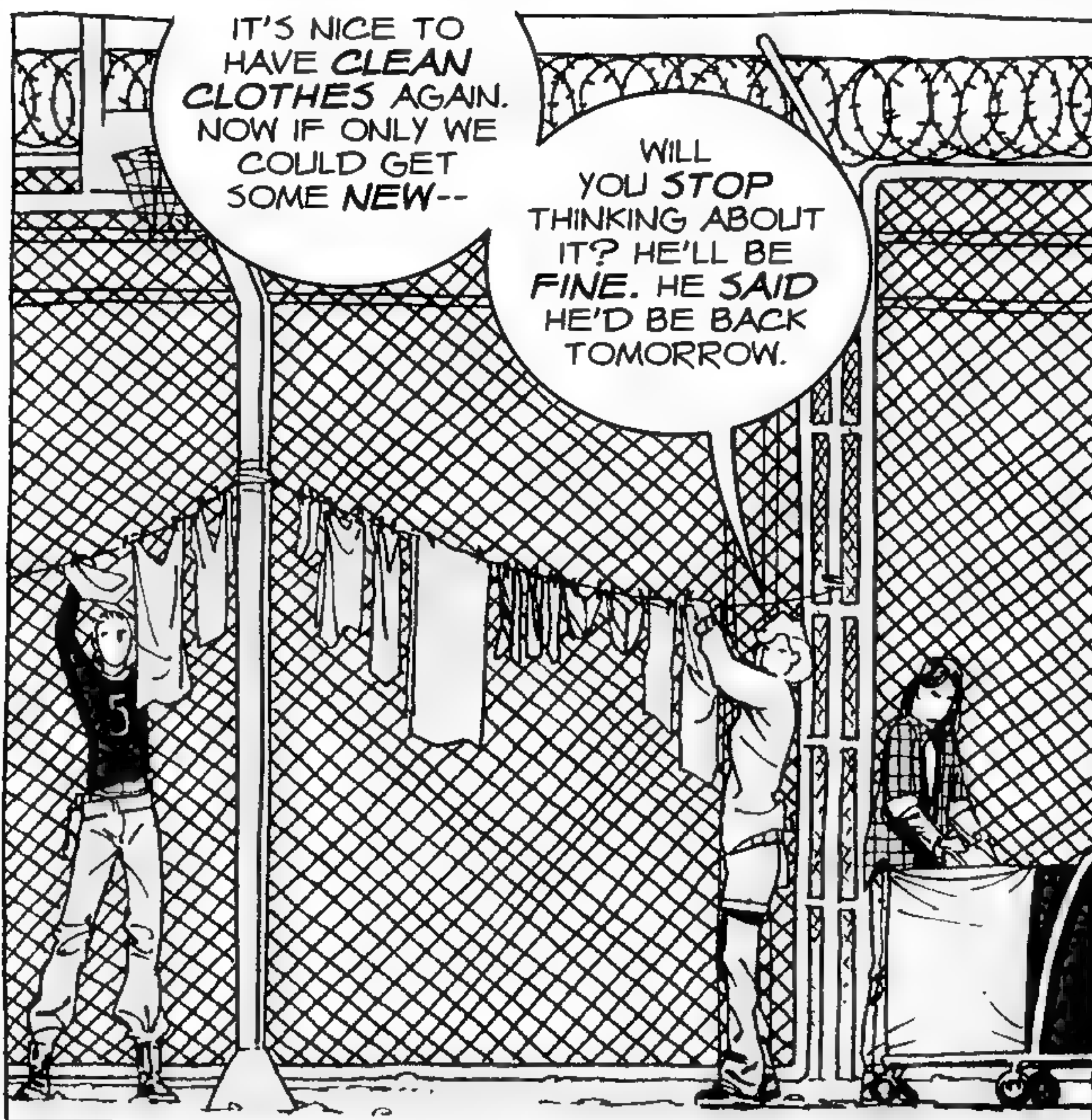
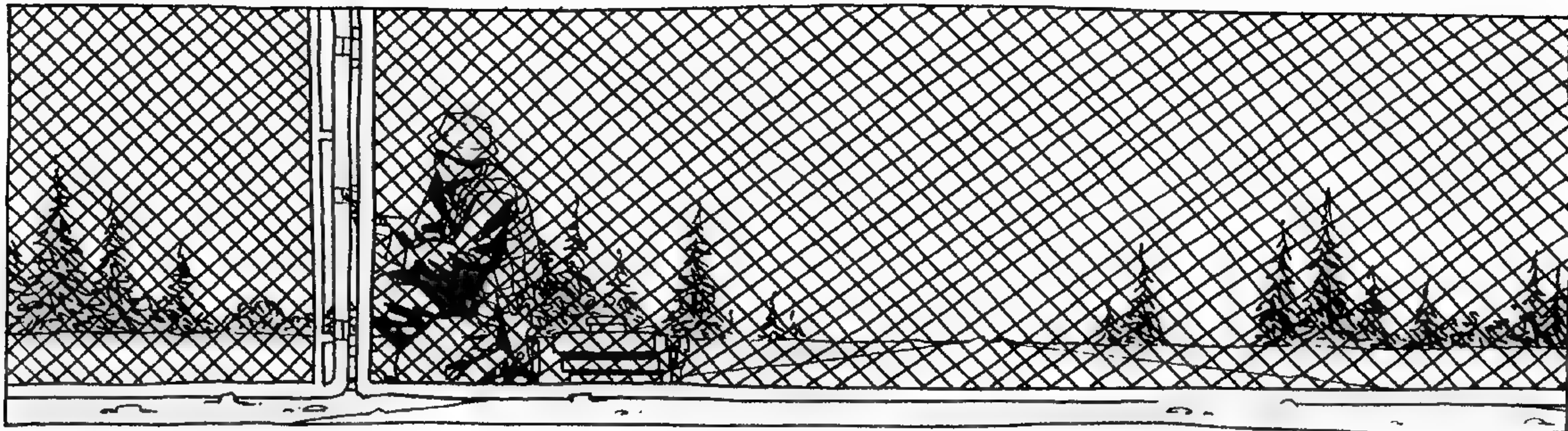
COLLEGE, HUH? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.



ONE MEASLY SEMESTER. WE KINDA RAN OUT OF MONEY AROUND THE SAME TIME I FLUNKED OUT. I USUALLY PICK THE REASON BASED ON HOW WELL I KNOW THE PERSON.







IT'S NICE TO HAVE **CLEAN CLOTHES** AGAIN. NOW IF ONLY WE COULD GET SOME **NEW--**

WILL YOU **STOP** THINKING ABOUT IT? HE'LL BE **FINE**. HE SAID HE'D BE BACK TOMORROW.



HE'S **PROBABLY** GOING BACK TO **HERSHEL'S FARM** TO TALK TO **OTIS** OR SOMETHING. STOP WORRYING--IT'S **NOTHING**.

THAT **CAN'T** BE IT.



WITH THE ROAD **CLEARED OFF** IT'S LESS THAN **FOUR HOURS** DRIVE TO GET TO **HERSHEL'S FARM**. HE SAID HE WOULDN'T BE BACK UNTIL TOMORROW.

HE'S GOING **SOMWHERE** FURTHER AWAY.

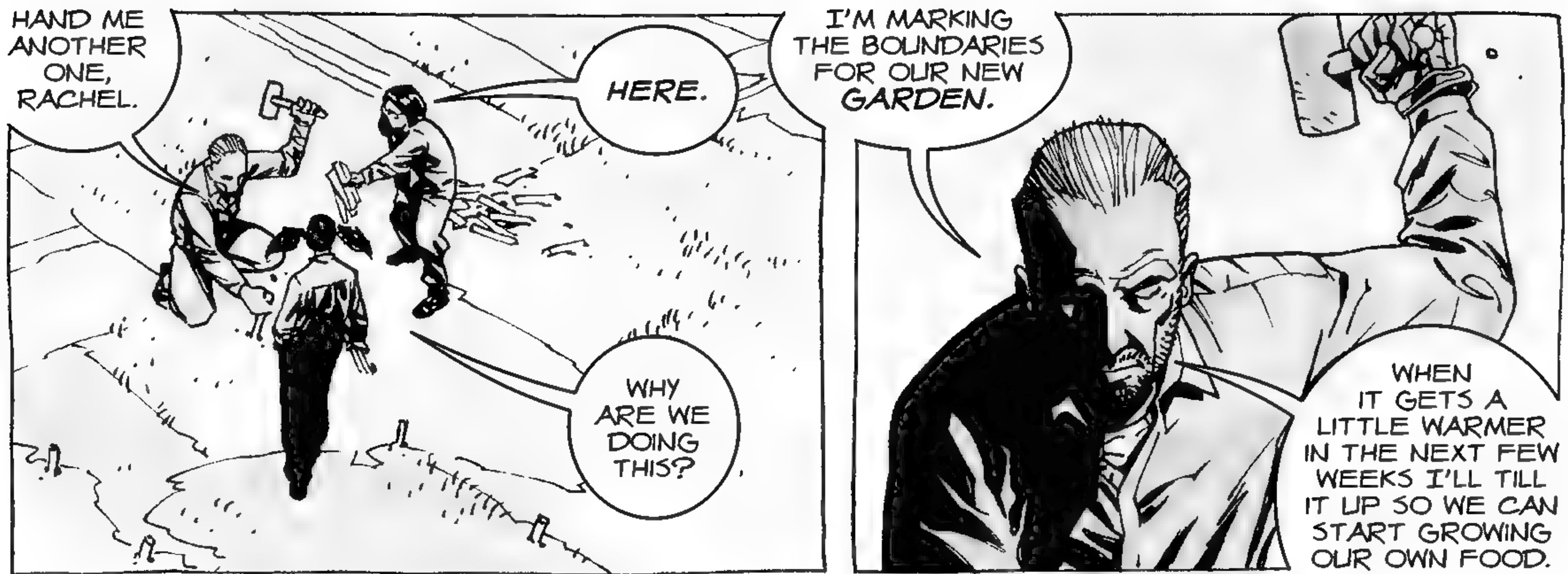


I DON'T KNOW **WHY** HE ALWAYS **DOES** THIS. HE ALWAYS LEAVES **CARL** AND ME **ALONE** SO HE CAN GO OFF AND DO **GOD** KNOWS WHAT. HE NEVER THINKS ABOUT **US**. I'M--



I'M GETTING **SICK** OF IT.

I'M GETTING **SICK** OF **HIM**.



HAND ME ANOTHER ONE, RACHEL.

HERE.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

I'M MARKING THE BOUNDARIES FOR OUR NEW GARDEN.

WHEN IT GETS A LITTLE WARMER IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS I'LL TILL IT UP SO WE CAN START GROWING OUR OWN FOOD.



WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU TWO?

WE FOUND A LITTLE BARBER SHOP AREA WHILE WE WERE-- EXPLORING THE PRISON



I WANT TO CUT MY HAIR!

ME TOO! WHERE IS IT, MAGGIE? WHERE IS IT?!

C'MON, SUSIE, RACHEL--I'LL SHOW YOU WHICH HALL IT'S IN.

GO ON, GIRLS. I CAN DO THIS BY MYSELF. YOU JUST BE CAREFUL.



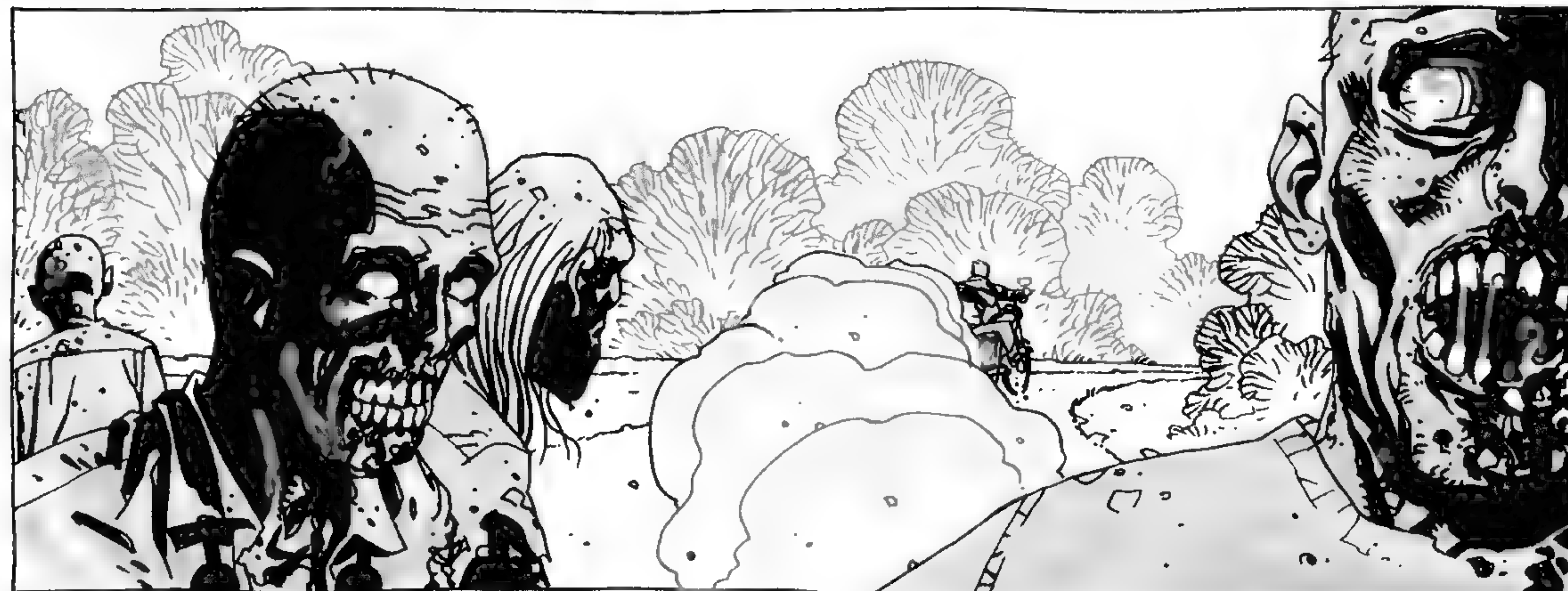
HEY, GLENN NICE DO.

I FIGURED TODAY IS AS GOOD A DAY AS ANY TO TRY AND CLEAN OUT THAT GYM. I'M ANXIOUS TO GET SOME WEIGHTLIFTING DONE. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

UH-- SURE, MAN. LET ME GO TELL MAGGIE WHERE I'LL BE.

HERSHEL, YOU WANT TO--?

NO. NO GUNS. I GOTTA STAKE OFF THIS GARDEN.



YOUR DAD
COOL WITH
YOU HELPING
US?

WHAT--I'M
SUPPOSED TO SIT
AROUND AND DO
NOTHING TO HELP
OUT BECAUSE MY
DAD'S WORRIED
ABOUT
ME?

WHAT
HE DOESN'T
KNOW WON'T
HURT HIM.

OKAY, WE NEED TO GO
IN HERE READY TO FIRE.
THIS PLACE IS **PACKED**
WITH 'EM. THERE'S
PROBABLY A FEW
RIGHT NEXT TO
THE **DOOR**.

I KNOW
WE DON'T
HAVE MANY
BULLETS LEFT,
SO **STAY CLOSE**
TO THE **DOOR**.
IF WE RUN OUT,
WE JUST WALK
BACK OUT AND
LOCK THE
DOORS.

UNDERSTOOD?

HERE
WE GO.

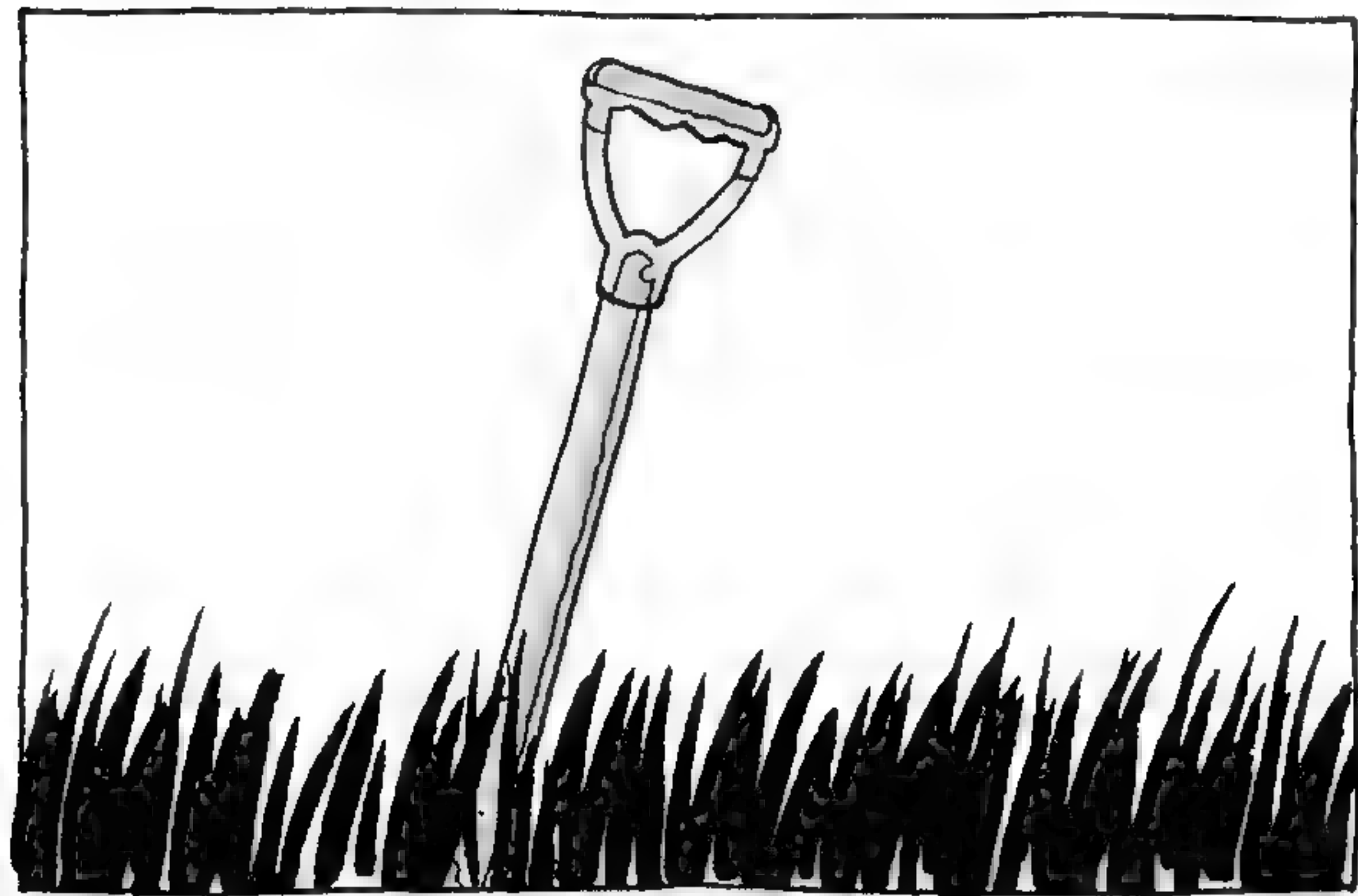
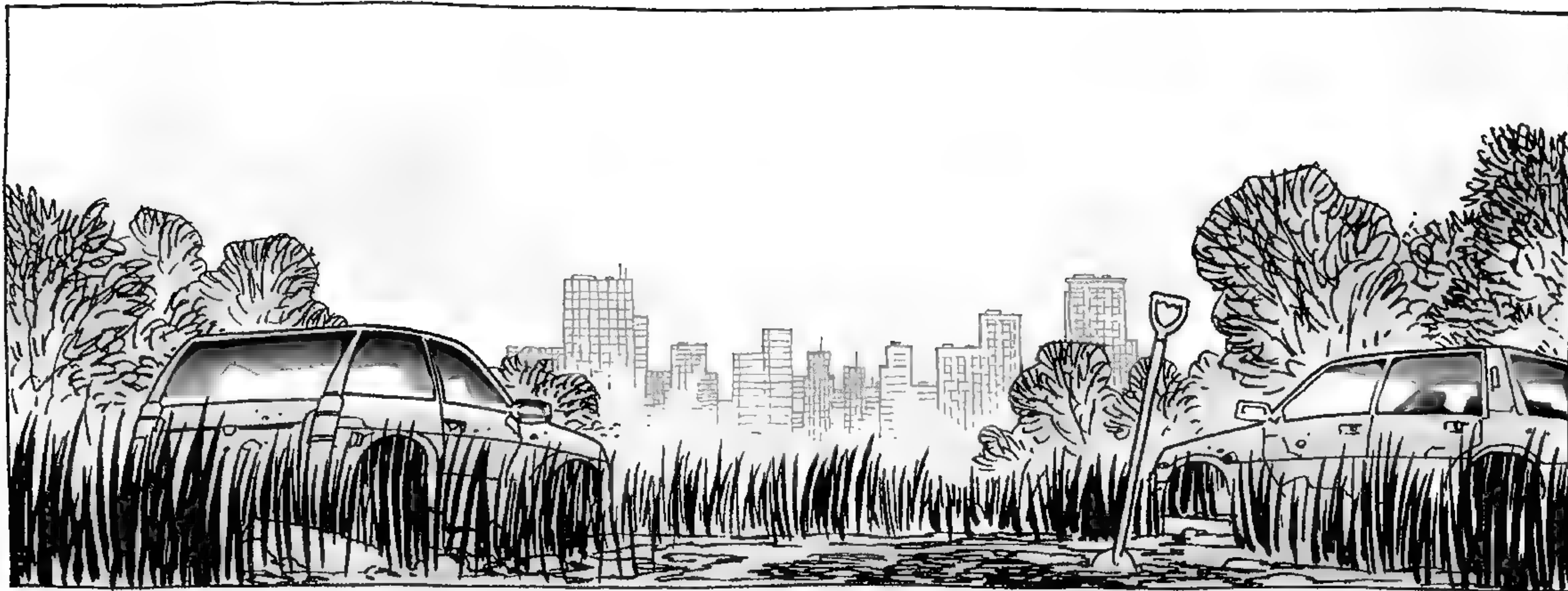
LET'S CLEAR AN
AREA AROUND US
AND THE **DOOR**
FIRST... THEN WORK
OUR WAY FORWARD
WITHOUT LETTING
ANY PAST
US!

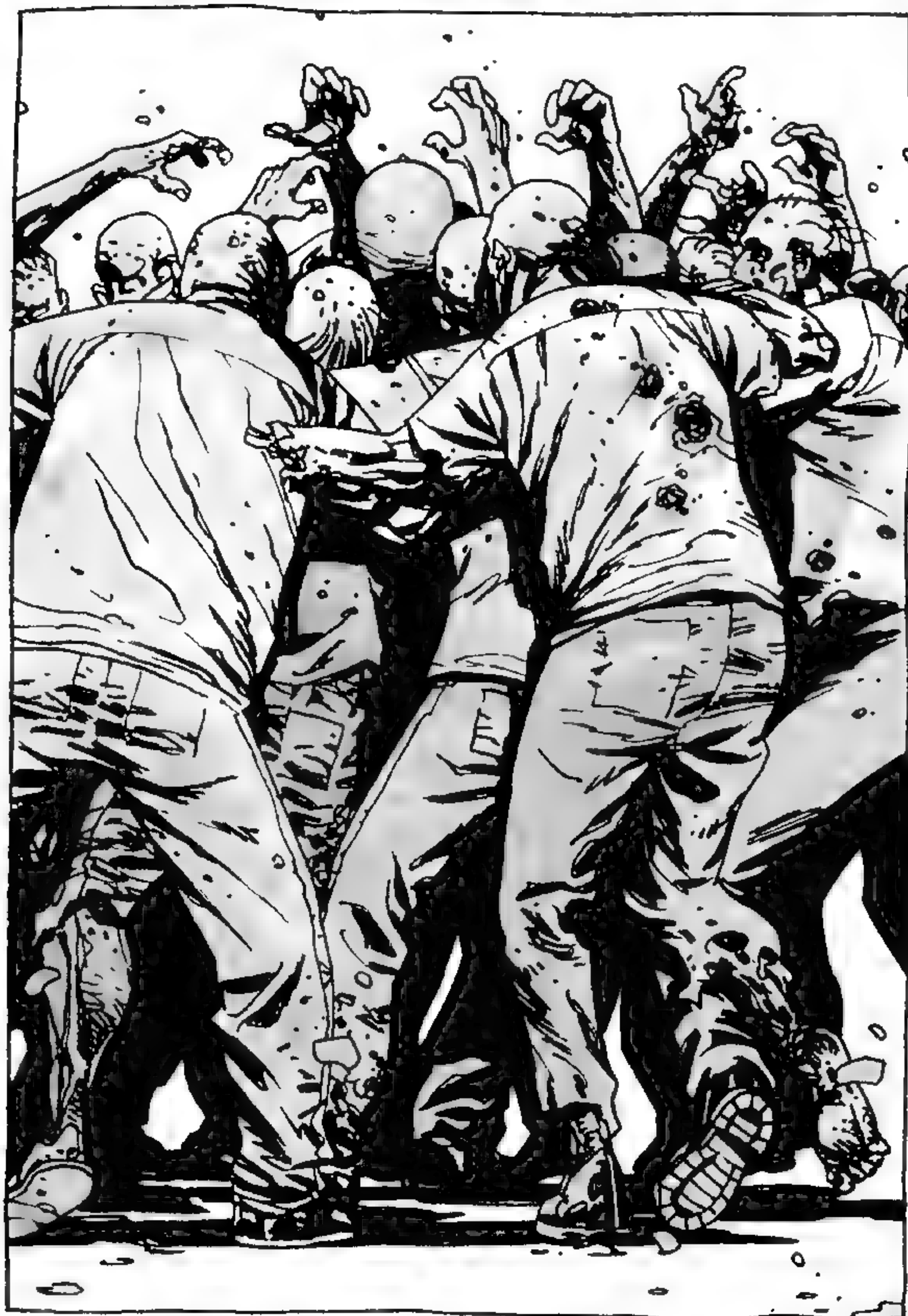
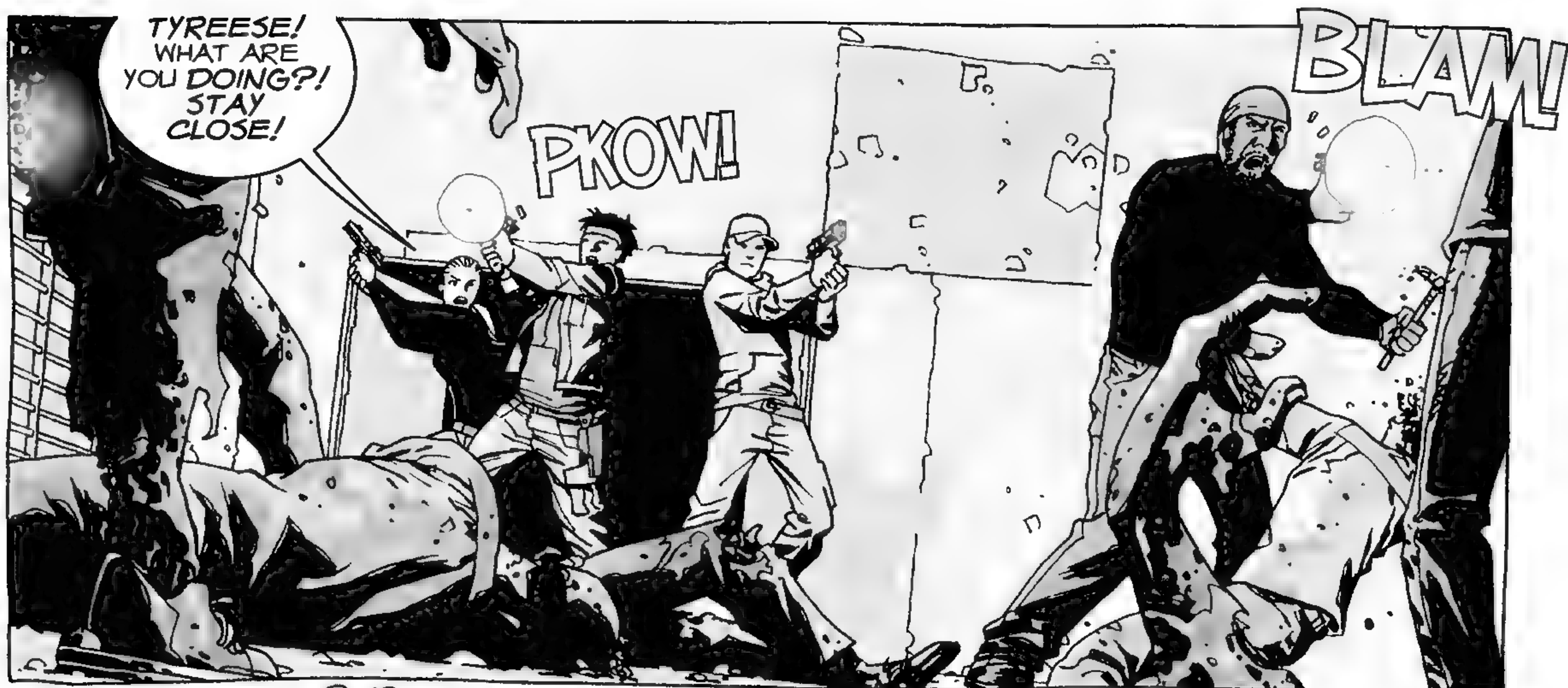
SOUNDS
LIKE A
PLAN TO
ME.

BLAM!

RAARGH!

THROK!





C'MON, SHANE--
YOU CAN DO IT.
I DIDN'T LEAVE
THAT MUCH
DIRT ON TOP
OF YOU.

STAND
UP.

HUMNGH.

THERE
YOU
ARE.

SO
I GUESS IT'S
NOT AN ISOLATED
THING--COMING BACK
WITHOUT BEING BITTEN. I
THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE. JULIE
TURNED PRETTY QUICK, BUT IT
TOOK US *HOURS* TO GET YOU
INTO THE GROUND. SO MANY
DAMN QUESTIONS. WHEN I
REALIZED YOU MIGHT BE AT
THE BOTTOM OF THAT HOLE,
ALIVE--OR WHATEVER--
I COULDN'T STOP
THINKING ABOUT
IT.

I
COULDN'T
SLEEP--KNOWING
YOU WERE DOWN
THERE. WOULD YOU
HAVE LEFT *ME*? YOU
WERE A GOOD MAN,
SHANE. I DON'T KNOW
WHY YOU DID WHAT
YOU DID...BUT YOU
WERE A GOOD MAN.

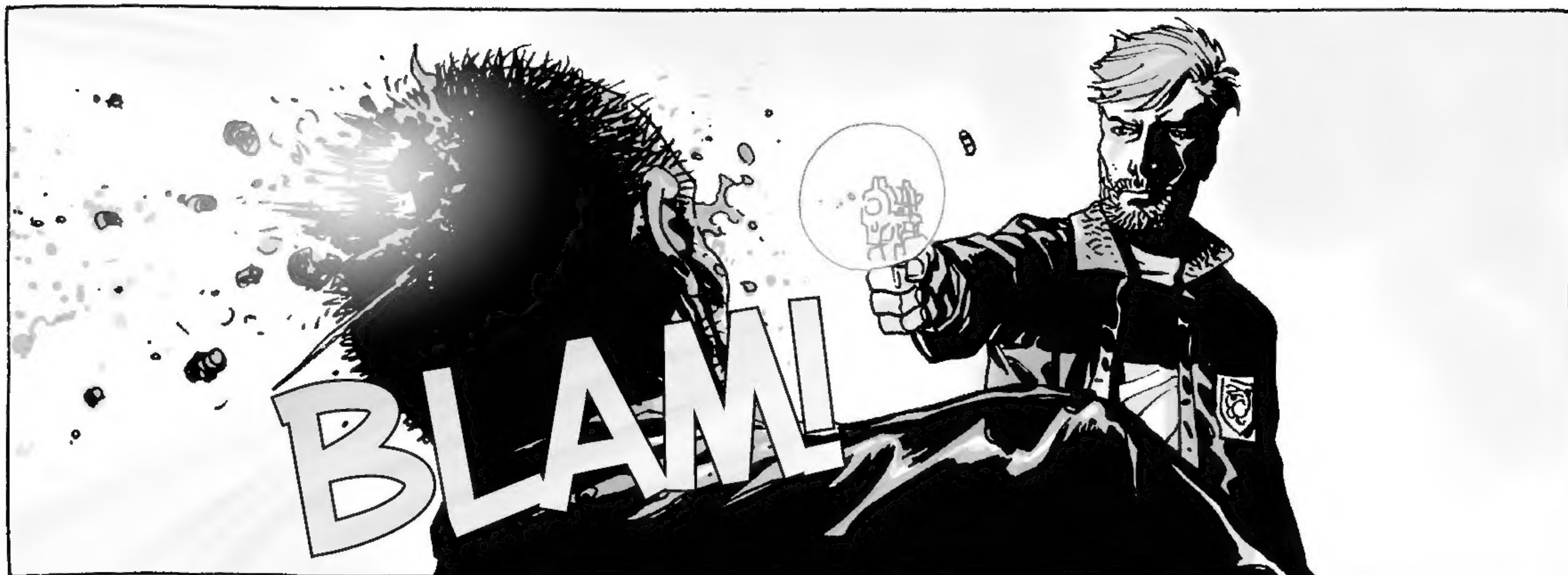
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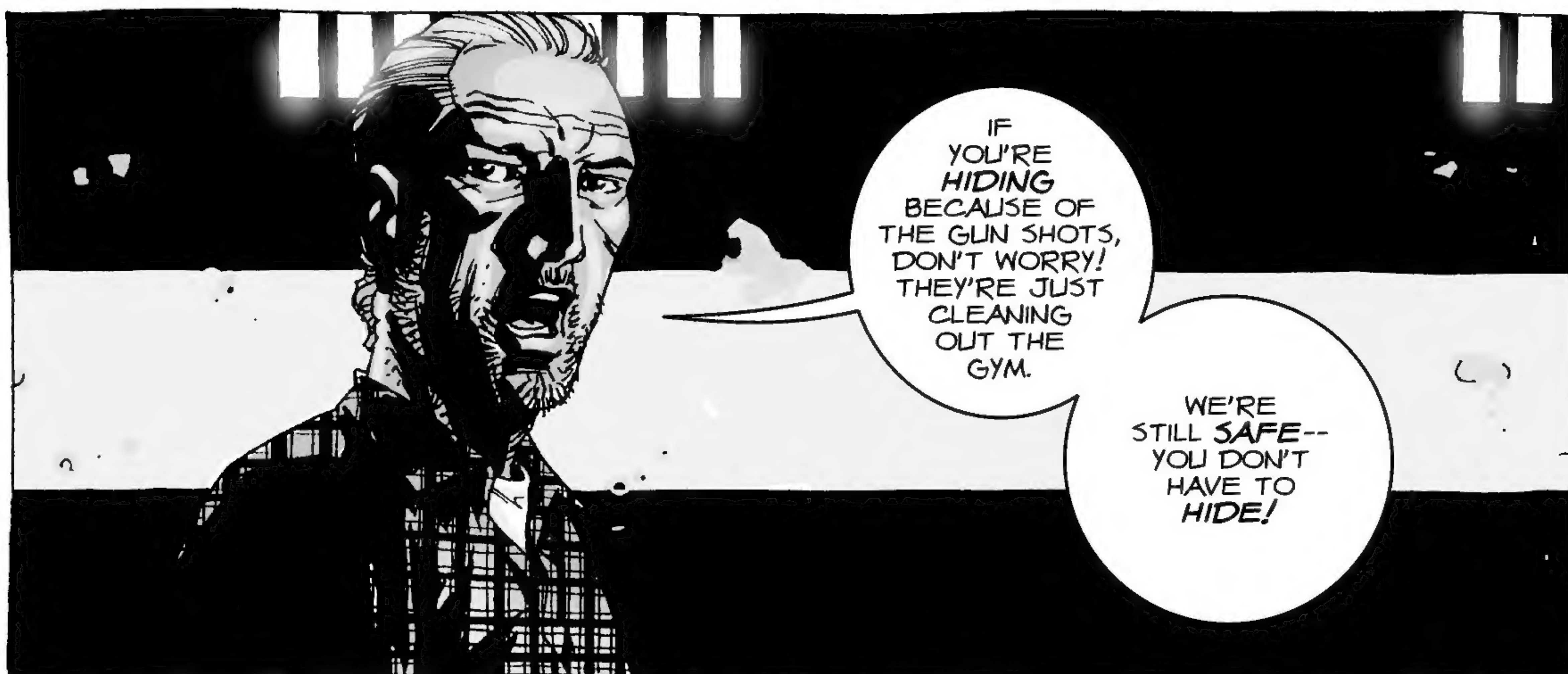
HAD THINGS TURNED
OUT DIFFERENTLY, IF
YOU HAD KILLED ME... I
WONDER IF YOU WOULD
HAVE JUST ASSUMED
BEING BURIED "ALIVE"
WOULDN'T EFFECT
ME.

COULD
YOU HAVE
LIVED WITH
YOURSELF?

NOT
ME.

I
HAD
TO SET
THINGS
RIGHT.









EMPIRE